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INTEGRATED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has instructed the Ministry to transform its integrated disease surveillance programme into an early warning system for outbreak of epidemics that could be held accountable for failure as reported in the Hindustan Times dated November 03, 2006;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the action taken in pursuance thereof;

(d) whether any strategy has been chalked out to utilize funds under the National Rural Health Mission and the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme for the purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government also proposes to seek help from foreign countries in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Prime Minister reviewed Dengue, Chickungunya and other vector borne diseases on 02nd November 2006 and directed that the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project should incorporate early warning system as part of disease surveillance under National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) and National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). Deliberations are on going for establishing such a model.

(f) & (g) Technical consultations are held with stakeholders including international agencies such as World Health Organization and CDC Atlanta for more effective disease surveillance. World Bank assistance is available for this programme.